Service, A. C. TRUE, Director."

smoked fish can be used in a very

milk." This advice should be fol-

gravy compounder must make sure

that his State has not prohibited the

In addition to the laudation of

gravy as "going well with potato,"

we find in this pamphlet a statement

to the effect that "a mixture of fish

and potatoes in the form of fishballs'

is an old and favorite combination

"Is that generally known?" asked

some familiar truism. We should not

the twentleth century at the expense

but far be it from us to question the

Whatever be the subject matter

which interests the official intelli-

Who is a miser, helps the Kaiser.

In the opinion of some statesme

n Washington true loyalty consists

holder by warning the public of dar

n not hurting the feelings of a job

lay by Senator LEONARD W. H. GIBBS of

The silly season has begun early in

Would bar State highways to army

Perhaps the United States Govern-

The Allied statesmen long ago

Your money, or your life?

The Secret of Old Age

ferring to great-grandfather's clock

still further back to the old proverb

Or, in English:

STRACUSE, April 6.

Rise at five, dine at nine

Lever & sing, diner & neuf, Souper & sing, coucher & neuf,

Font vivre dans nonante neut.

Sup at five, to bed at nine.
Makes one live to be ninety and nine.

To the Epiron or THE BUN-Sir.

MOUNT UNION, Pa., April 6.

Hickity-pickity, my black hen Lays no eggs for gentlemen.

In the yolk are bits of glass.

Bird, for you is the poultry shor

Hickity-pickity, shame on you!

To the Editor of The SCN—Ser. Will-lam Dwight Whitney, professor of Sanskrit and instructor in modern languages in Tale College, in "Language and the Study of Language" (1871) says: "At the pres-ent time few of us read our Bibles so curt-

Putting Her in Her Place.

Things have come to a pretty pass:

Off you go to the chop-chop-chop! Herce, false fow! we thought so true!

Hold! We'll spars you; let you lay Eggs till you're weary, ev'ry day, Hetribution! Off you tramp

To lay for the nearest internment camp

EDWIN H. SHEPARD.

TO THE MOITOR OF THE SUN-SU! Re

when to put on their gas

Buffalo .- Despatch from Buffale

trucks.-Newspaper headling.

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lightenment of the world go on!

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for human beings.

with discrimination.

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Vice-President Marshall's Constructive Critcism.

"I am not talking against criticism us criticism." said our Vice-President MARSHALL, "but against that sort of criticism which destroys and offers nothing constructive and helpful."

It was on his way back from the Wisconsin Senstorial campiago, in which he had taken an active part in the interests of Mr. Davies, the nocratic candidate, that the Vice-President made the remark above quoted. In his speeches in that campaign be had been distinctly critical. By pretty direct implication he had criticised the Badger State voters in mass. He had told them that they "under suspicion." He had made a sweeping assault on the Republicans on the broad assumption that they were daubed from head to heels with La Follette yellow. Naturally he had criticised Mr. LENROOT.

Now, whether this criticism was constructive or destructive depends tirely on the point of view. That the Republican campaign managers thought highly of it as constructive material is evidenced by the way they exerted themselves to disseminate it They enused it to be translated into Swedish, German, Norwegian, Polish and all the other polyglot vehicles of thought in which Wisconsin voters do their reading, thinking and talking. These translations and even the original English version they scat-

ed broadcast over the State. It was estimated at the time Mr MARSHALL began his campaign of constructive and helpful criticism that there were about 100,000 wavering voters in the State, and it is the fixed belief of the local political experts sands of these estrays into the Republican corral. They voted for Mr. LENBOOT, and they voted for him in Mclent numbers to elect him by a wide and comfortable margin.

fulness standards. Naturally the The supporters of Mr. Levroor lack drunk he must go somewhere else, afheir approval. The supporters of Mr. DAVIES thus far have not expressed verbal restraint.

The Needless Alarm Over Pelsoned

the Federal Food Board's recent reading lamp and have a Vilas do warning against glass in bread and your vicarious avenging is luxury. of imaginary kidnappers of young statute of limitations.

The Department of Justice has not heard of a single case of glass in bread that could be traced to German enemies or to enything more malicious than a broken milk bottle or drinking vessel. Its agents have scrupulously investigated every complaint reported to them, and in none could they detect anything more culpable than carelessness in making, for the severer punishment of enemy delivering or serving the suspected

In the laboratories of the Department of Health chemists have found in one sample of bread one one-hundredth of 1 per cent, of sand, a quan- within their limits the protection it tity not sufficient to injure any per- was their duty to furnish to every son eating it. This proportion of citizen, honest or dishonest, well besand is enough to make the bread haved or criminal.

ers and confectioners using coarser each of them under circumstances materials in their products, the pos- practically alike. In every case a

be due to carelessness at home than to plots abroad.

Nothing could better serve the purposes of our enemies than the creation of a scare over our foodstuffs. The nervous strain resulting from it in every household would predispose the whole population to fear and open the public mind to accept any fool report that German Intriguers chose to circulate. It is the moral duty of every intelligent citizen to use all his influence to repress the tendency to hysteria aroused by the Food Board's inexplicable outgiving and educate those with whom he

The Classic Drunkards of a State

It is notorious that Newton B TARKITGTON is one of the most loyal sons of Indiana and among the most forward looking, right thinking citizens of Indianapolis. When the good peo of his State rejoiced last week that Indiana had gone dry from end to end, putting a dozen distilleries, thirty breweries and 3,400 saloons out of business. Citizen TARKINGTON WAS no doubt full of for.

Some curiosity must remain, however, as to what N. B. TARKINGTON'S other and literary self. Item TARK-INGTON, thinks about it. w. . last wenty years, while Citizen N. B. PARKINGTON WAS belying Indiana to her moral feet. Novellat Boorn Tank-INGTON Avas creating more drunkards than any other American novelist ever made. They were Indiana drunkards, too. most of them. It is not necessary to include Larrabee Harman, "with the look of a half poisoned Augustan," to make up a small army of Turkington inebriates.

The worst thing about Novelist TARKINGTON'S drunkerds, as Citizen TARKINGTON must admit with a frown, is that many of them are likable. Some are reminiscent of Sidney Carton, most admired of all alcoholic heroes. Crailey Gray is a romantic rummy, relic of an era when it was fashionable to get tipsy and stay that way. It is easy to contemplate the passing of that kind of polite inebriate. We know, too, that Uncle Billy Rollinson would be just as honest if he had never looked upon redeye. But would Joe Louden, the outcast of Canaan, have been as appealing as he is if the background of his weakness had been removed?

Of course BOOTH TARRINGTON does not bestow bloodshot eyes upon a character for the mere joy of it. In almost every case there has been an evense for the man's induigence; heredity, environment, disappointment overwork, and the like. The novelist's latest biographer, Mr. Robert Course HOLLIDAY, Says of this :

"Mr. TARKINGTON's first drunkard. Mr. Wilkerson, moving about the stage like Mrs. Gamp. was perhaps a bit on the order of the humo.ous stage drunkard. But never in any other instances are Mr. TAREINGTON's drunkards figures in whom intoxication is merely artist!cally effective for the occasion : they are nervous cases; the roots of their condition may be discerned extending back into the circumstances of their lives. They are all, Mr. Fishee, Joe Lane, Joe Louden, Crailey Gray, Larrabee Harman, Uncle Billy Rollinson, Ray Vilas, Roscoe Sheridan, well understood alcomany varieties of the temperament."

Ye gods, as William Sylvanus Baxter would say, what a parade of souses! And Indiana, where most of And now there is a good deal of them were born and bred beneath the weighing of Mr. Marshall's criti- magic of Mr. Tarkington's pen, will clams by his own constructive help, have no more of such creatures, whether they are likable or not. If views on the subject are divergent, any Hoosier character wants to get given line of products, and of dowords to express the heartiness of ter the manner of Robert Russ Meilin, who had that wild night among "His Own People," or of Larrabee themselves-at least not in terms Harman. Of course there can never adapted to publication standards of be another killing of Corliss-that smashing finish of "The Filrt"-because a sober Ray Vilas would have had Corliss arrested for swindling instead of messing up the hotel room with the smooth wooer of Cora Madi-The Federal Department of Jus- son; yet how tame is the serving of a tice and the New York Board of warrant, as compared with the crack but changes that have come since Health undertook yesterday to lay of the revolver. Anybody can swear the fears aroused in many minds by out a warrant, but to sit beside the

rolls. That warning should never In fancy we hear Chizen Tarkinghave been issued. It belongs in the TON SOY to Novelist TARKINGTON: No category of ill judged, dangerous and more rum for characters, please; the reprehensible acts of public authori- State is dry. Novelist TARKINGTON ties to which experience has rele- replies: If I ever create another tipgated official outgivings concerning pler I'll make him unpleasant and put the poison needle, a mythical weapon him well in the past, protected by the

At any rate, Penrod and the Baxter boy are safe from drink

Where the Responsibility for Lynch-

ing Lies. It is preposterous to say that Pra-GER, the Illinois miner who has been lynched because he was supposed to be a pro-German, was the victim of Congressional delay in enacting a law

agents in this country. Prager was lynched because the State of Illinois, the county of Madieon and the town of Collinsville failed to provide for the citizens resident

His lynching was only one of a Under present conditions, with bak- large number which have occurred,

stances are harmful; some of them, outrage government set up to prevent.

had on their pages laws sufficient in as language, mathematics and hisnumber and broad enough in scope to have saved every one of them. In of business, either domestic or forevery case the trouble was that the eign, should be taught by those who laws were not enforced, and they have practical experience in the subwere not enforced because the men who had sworn to enforce them were

cowards and quitters. There was a time when lynching was defended as the only fit, and in many instances the only possible, punishment for the "one crime." But wherever lynching has been tolerated it has been resorted to for all kinds government at home and abroad." of offences, from imagined slights to comes into contact as to the utter; pompous dignity to actual crimes of folly of the allegations that have indescribable bestiality. Lynch law has been used to wreak private vengeance, to intimidate voters, to provide pleasure for a drunken mob. The na. standard cookery book, as might natvictims before alien enemies and their i sympathizers became a problem for the authorities, and the stain will! States through the agency of the grow larger and redder until the laws are enforced fearlessly, intelligently phlet which is described as a "Conand continuously in all parts of the

No municipal or State administraion can escape condemnation for a nary artist to attribute to him the ynching within its jurisdiction on the authorship of the paragraph in which plea that it was "unprepared." It is mankind is advised that "Gravy goes he duty of the authorities, from the well with potato." By reason of this Governor down, to be prepared. They fact the reader is warned not to "lose have ample warning, and have had it any of the good meat flavor when you for months. The plight of the world roast meat, or cook it in a fruing is an enduring admonition to them to pan." This warning imports that the alertly and to repress disorder with a meat rather than the broiling thereof heavy hand. They cannot hide their whereas the American practice of fry responsibility behind war passion or ing meat which ought to be broiled race enmity. Where either exists has long been condemned by the best they and their agents should be on cooks. guard. If they do their duty we shall have no lynchings.

THE SUN wants to see every German spy hanged and every disloyalist palatable way to flavor milk gravy. we shall not pretend that the absence of this or that statute from the books is the cause of lynching. The root of the trouble goes deeper than this, and the trouble will be eliminated only when its root is due out.

Training for Foreign Service.

The war and the necessity for neeting future peace trade conditions have directed the attention of this country more, perhaps, than ever before to practical international prob- MARK TWAIN when confronted with lems and the importance of foreign missions and of the training for foreign service. This interest has cre- to publish it in the second decade of ated a desire for a cooperation of the Government, business and education of the taxpayers of the United States; in the early establishment of an adequate course of instruction, which GLEN LEVIN SWIGGETT, specialist in commercial education of the United time of war by explaining to the peo-States Bureau of Education, says in ple the makeup of the humble fishwisely articulated and coordinated popular form of food. as to social and economic needs, not only of the nation but of the great confraternity of nations, the birth of which we can plainly foresee with the conclusion of this war."

In the past one of the greatest difficulties was to obtain young Americans to engage in foreign service. The reasons for this, according to a report of the National Foreign Trade Council, were American provincialism, the disinclination of Americans to expatriation and the lack of specific training for foreign trade, par-ticularly with reference to foreign ment or a \$500 fine, or both, for women to be away from their homes after 10 council enumerated the essentials of the preparation for foreign service as including besides a well grounded knowledge of the English language. a knowledge of one or more foreign languages, a knowledge of arithmetic | Albany. and short methods of accurate computation, of foreign office routine, of the routine of manufacturing any mestic and foreign markets, and an acquaintance with commercial laws and practices, and a systematic study of ocean borne transportation of the

This would clearly indicate a specialization in study which no large number of schools could undertake "owing to the limited number of engagements open to their students." This may have been true with condithen show that a superior kind of service is needed and that it is difficult to obtain. There is unquestionably a demand for men trained in banking, commerce and trade. The masks. opportunities for foreign trade are leading to a change in the organization of the departments of State, Treasury and Commerce, and there will be very different standards for their appointees from those of only a few years ago. Preparation for with breakfast at 6 in the morning and foreign service will mean something more than furnishing a mere technique to the diplomat or the business man engaged in foreign trade. Mr. SWIGGETT SAYS:

"The destiny of this nation is com pelling it to cast off its manner of provincialism, to emerge from its state of isolation, and true to its political principles to endeavor to have the same proclaimed as principles of international rade and diplomacy.

He believes that the arraignment of our educational system by business should be heeded, that we should consider education not only as an end in itself, but in relation to careers. He suggests that our high school history be taught with regard to economic needs of to-day, retaining the essential facts of history and including the newer materials of industry. trade and commerce. It should be sibility of introducing foreign sub- weak administration of the law by taught, he says, by specialists trained stances is much greater than it was pusilianimous authorities has failed to think in international terms and In the past. Not all of these sub- of its duty and permitted the very who are in sympathy with the business world, even if they lack in actual indeed, may be beneficial. But among When Prages and the scores of business experience. He advises them glass, broken or ground, is not hundreds of victims of lynch law who against leaving to "experts in pedalikely to be found, and if it is its have been murdered as he was mur- gogy" the final words in regard to presence is infinitely more likely to dered went to their dooms the statute methods and study, not only of com-

books of the nation and the States mercial branches but of subjects such A WORLD PRAYER BOOK. In the World as It Is to Be We May tory, and recommends that students Have One. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It

> jects of instruction. In this way, forever fateful August 1, 1914, theology he says, terms will cease to be mere and its official mouthpiece, the Church. definitions, and young Americans will have been among the greatest sufferers. enter upon their life careers with a Few people are aware that the Rus- spondent that efficiency men as a rule true knowledge of business as it is sian Church during its more or less, divided and specialized to-day and has not produced a theological literature with "a larger meaning of service in of its own, I mean of any real, scienthe higher posts of commerce and tific value; that almost the same could government at home and abroad." be said of the Catholic Church in Spain and Spanish America and even of Italy.

As to the remaining sections of Chris-tendom, their spiritual leaders were "Gravy goes well with potato." This systems and scholarship of Germany. sterment is not quoted from some Well, we know by this time that the schools of divinity of Berlin and Halle, tion was stained by the blood of its urally be supposed. It appears in an of Munich and Vienna, and so on, for official publication issued at Washing-Jesuitic auspices of the Hohenzollerns. ton by the Government of the United Wittelsbachs and Hapsburgs (to omit here the minor princely fry), have Department of Agriculture, in a pamplayed a gruel camouflage game with tribution from the States Relation trine. They spoke unctuously of the Saviour, His humility and ultimate self-It would be unfair to any real cullupon their lecterns a copy of the gos-

pels, but for them it was but an Edda palimpsest William II. the "summus episcopus of the Lutheran Church : Francis Joseph and his successor, the "Kings of Jeru salem" and most powerful protectors of the Catholic Church in Europe, the forty theological faculties of Germany and arm themselves adequately, to watch | Government sanctions the frying of Austria and the greater part of the epising and supporting this internecine world servative. The price of these hamper orsy have shaken to their foundations theological and ecclesiastical edifice Central Europe, and the shock is felt readily see that my estimate of 3.93 n all of its spiritual dependencies, from tockholm to San Francisco "Do not forget," continues the official advocate of gravy, "that sait or

But while west European official the logy "made in Germany" received ogether with the German punished according to his guilt. But and this is a fine way to use skim which will leave with posterity an aftertaste more unsavory and more enduring in other ways. Our friend fails to take thaginlang, those naval Prussians of aniquity, Religion, that is, the searching of heart and mind for man's true relause of skim milk as an article of food tionship with God and nature, is comwhere the men are fighting the Lord's fathers and mothers, wives and children are gradually finding a direct connection

These thoughts were suggested to me hen a friend called my attention to the Rev. Dr. Samuel McComb's new work Prayers for To-day," knowing that care ago, when I outlined my mono theistic reformation in these very col of a world prayer book, to embrace the most beautiful prayers of the nations from Vedic antiquity to the splendid religious poems which your contributing sagacity or motives of those who seek | readers from time to time.

I am not jealous of the progressive to promote the public welfare in this author of "The New Life" because he stole a ride on me; on the contrary, I the Educational Review should be buil and assuring them that it is a for this monothelatic prayer book of his. heathen," standing or kneeling togethe in God's open cathedral, can find the alphabet of mankind's new faith. gence-whether gravy or potatoes or are living," justly says Dr. McComb in skim milk or fishballs-let the en-"on the confines of a new his preface. world. Amid the crash of falling king dome, the break up of all we had hith mind ourselves that the great realities of the spiritual world stand fast, and that on these we can build another and

juster civilisation than that which now A pity I am not a millionaire, elee would have seen to it that a copy of this first primer of the brotherhood of man religion find its way into the knapeack of every one of our boys "over! here," facing death at any minute in the interconfessional fellowship of trench sacred and disinterested as the religious

derstand, for the first time, the deep Hebrew prophet: "Have we not all one Father, has not one God created all of

NEW YORK, April 6.

Vulgar Fractions and Decimals.

It is true that we have made a con-tinued and substantial advance, but we To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th have left behind mountains of dead .- A feeted by man's instinct to divide by wo. which "Machinist" considers so in So long as a HOHENZOLLERN is not in portant. Those who know France of the mountains, loyal Germans should not consider trifling details. Germany or Austria know that half a entimeter or quarter of a milligram as common as half a foot or quarte A member of the Stevens railway f a grain is with us. We pride ourommission has been wounded in selves on a decimal system of money as street fighting in Harbin. For nonagainst pounds, shillings and pence, and combatants our railroad men abroad the financial column we find eighths. while the curb revels in sixteenths and Count Czennin is regarded merciy as he mouthplece of Germany.—A Lon-

> The Kulser to Count Czernia. The peace concluded with Rumania, it calculated, will be the starting point friendly relations. The slight frontier recti rations which we receive are not annexations.
>
> The Austrian Poreign Minister.

SPRINGPIELD, Mass. April 5.

Most excellent Friend Czernini You cou not say it better. To "rectify" our boundaries is all to use the word annexing is suggestive of the fetter.

we should rue rake Russia as an instance. I halfgnantly deny ft Has ever been my object to annex a

the border line's inaccurate. I'd simply use it, and there you are. ton etyle.

lood Lorraine, its neighbor Alsace, but

provide a further sample Of extraordinary error in establishing inmexation's quite preposterous. mercly make example
Of those who doubt imperial right to

t is possible, Priend Czernin, that I might Some evidence of error in the line that separates four charming town Vienna and the pleas-ant land above her

occupy what's mine.

From Saxony, Bayaria and other German States. Should such a triding point he raised—it's supposition merely— I know, before I ask it, what would be

Fide-Gee, they must think I know some

see the justice clearly Of Germany's contention, and would hid ome have them all.

THAT BAKED POTATO. The Accountant Who Followed It

Career Defends Its Costliness. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: the tremendous sociological upheaval of am afraid our friend "W. S. C." evi-which we are daily witnesses since that dently is not familiar with the conditions existing to-day; otherwise his statements would not be so inconsistent are mostly theorists; nevertheless, the fact remains that if we accept his statement that in Arcostock county, Maine that cannot be marketed at 75 cents a bushel the only argument is that they cannot be moved to market, partly due to the congested condition of the railroads and partly because the growers held their stocks for higher prices. Even here in our own territory—the garden spot of Long Island—potatoes are selling for at least \$2 a bushel, delivered on the ground. If transportation facilities were satisfactory not one of the 15,000,000 bushels up in Aroostook county would have to go begging

at 3.93 cents. Potatoes to-day are resacrifice, but in their Teutonic heart of tailing at 3 to 5 cents a pound, and then hearts they thought of Odin; they had they are not "selects" used for baking The market price of potatoes to-day is a trifle lower than it was at the ny statistics were compiled for the United States Food Administration a Washington. Potatoes for baking comin hampers containing from sixty-five to "selects" weighing 37 to seventy pounds, each potato averaging ounces, some weighing as much as 1 age of 10 ounces, however, is very convaries from \$2.80-which is the quotation for to-day-to \$3.25, so you can

at 75 cents a bushel if they were un-

Your correspondent seems to question

the initial cost of a baked potato listed

cents is more than fair. The better class of hotels and res taurants are in the habit of using the "selects" and paying the additional pre-

It is quite true that the smaller po tatoes mentioned by "W. S. C." are used into account the fact that in preparing the baked potato 2% cents worth of butter is used also salt and pepper or paprika.

Assertion is also made that the overhead should not be considered. It is as this that there were 2,000 bankrupts New York city alone. The majority of these bankrupts did not provide for overhead is reflected upon the sale of gardless of its nature. Perhaps the criticism made by our friend is similar to that offered by the man who says he can purchase a sirloin steak for 40 when the steak is served at the table the portion he actually eats costs him in the neighborhood of \$5 cents, as what be cats is practically only the centre liny in half the actual amount paid for before God, sir! ARTHUR L. LEE. being served.

NEW YORK, April 6.

FELIX DIAZ An Admirer Sees Him as the Domi nant Figure in Mexico.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Siz. After cading an article in your newspaper hich in an interview with a passenge arriving from Mexico speaks of the Felly Diaz I wish to correct some of the statements of the gentleman, al-

south of Mexico and the port of Acapulce by conducting a bloodless milltary campaign, except where resistance by the Carranzista hordes makes it drawing to him all of Mexico.

The United States, being plon of true democracy, should give its noral support to General Diaz's cause. and I am positive he wishes no bargat meaning of the words spoken by an old with the United States and the Allies in order to declare himself to their cause as it is an established fact that General Diaz and the educated lenders under im have long ago declared themselves sympathy with the Allies.

parchical conditions in Mexico, but with he immediate moral support on the part of the United States and its allies he could greatly accelerate his task in estoring to Mexico civilization and human rights where there now exists C. L. OCON.

NEW YORK, April 6. The Metric System and the Barometer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE Of the arguments against the metric sys tem from the pen of J. W. Redway, F. R. G. S., the most ludicrous is that concerning the centigrade thermometer. o do with the metric system. If Mr. itedway had, as an example of its defects, mentioned the barometer he would have remained within the questhat in this case it is his system which requires two figures, a decimal point and two more figures to express the state of atmospheric pressure, which by the metric system is written with threfigures, meaning as many millimeters but then the argument would have been

against him Despite Mr. Redway's assertion, the setric system is employed in all laboratories worthy of the name and by me educated and trained in this country. It is taught and practised in all our scientific schools and all modern doctor.

CHARLES LEBOT. NEWARK, N. J., April 6.

From the London Times. A cackerel owned by Mr. F. C. Fva

high has been sold 6,670 times and dred funds, was bought in for £145 at a gift sale at Maldstone on behalf of the Red Cross and the Kent Prisoners of War Fund. This sale, with subscriptions, realzed nearly £6,000.

Ontario Treasures.

Advertisement in the London Free Press.

umbrella, white child's mitt, black lady a LONDON STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

Proud Record of a Kansas Town From the Kansas City Star. Every child in the Sharon Springs schools as either a thrift stamp, a baby bond, a Red Cross membership or the mumps, and

Where Up-State Decture Failed. Seubena correspondence Cineminatus Times even after he has had different dectors.

INTIMATE STORIES ABOUT A SAGE BRUSH BOHEMIAN.

The Late Sam Davis, the Nevada Humorist, Who Was Also a Port. a Critic, and a Lover of Mountain and Desert.

Sam Davis, who recently died in column. Come, we'll spend the ware Carson City, Nev., was much quoted \$8 and dine like bonanza princes in the press some years ago as the 'Nevada humorist." He was more than that: before he devoted his energies and enthusiasm to his prize bulls and other exhibition stock on his farm near Carson City he wrote verse which gave him high rank among the minor poets, and literary and dramatic criticism with wise sympaths. He also knew much, although he wrote little. about graphic art. His father, an Episcopal minister, was a determined saw Booth before the performance and collector of engravings, etchings and original drawings and taught Sam much about them. "Too much to let me think I can write about them," he once said.

But most he was celebrated among

those who knew him well as one of those who gave respectability in San blasted rocks. Francisco to the word so pathetically nisused in New York, bohemianism. Davis had many attractive offers from Eastern editors, which he declined because he loved the mountains and deserts of Nevada and California better than any other land. A banker in Virginia City, Nevada, in the big bonanza days entertained a visiting a paper there, was one of the guests. Carson River ran and sank, and far beyond that, beyond miles of gray ranges of the Humboldt Mountains. As the banker's visiting guest was departing he looked out over the seemingly limitless expanse of desert, sage brush and mountains, and exclaimed How to his host: "My God, 8---! can you live in daily sight of such awful wastes of desert and moun-

tains? banker used to quote the speech at you have called upon God to answer dies' parts presented to her by the pe low man can endure this scene. I blind to the grandeur the immeasurable beauty. sir, of this scene, which God must tions to us. when His own soul have created swelled with the artist's exuberant lavish loveliness of this scene. By

walked with his head held high, chest thrown out, and usually even in the coldest weather with opened coat as if he needed a great deal of air and meant to get it. If you had more than rounded up a half dozen fellow news a block or two to go in that country you travelled by stage or on horseback, so Davis got his needed exercise boxing with a once heavy weight if he pugliist, "Big Bill" Davis, I took less gearched his pockets. Not so much sons of "Big Bill" too, and when I boxed with him Bill gossiped with all right," he exclaimed. "This is Co Sam. But when he boxed with Sam pay day and a Call fellow over multig Bill' did not gossip with me: \$5. I'll collect. You walt' he attended strictly to his knitting. Sam roared at him, "Come on and Davis came breezing up the stree take a licking," and their three min- head up, whistling. "Did you collect utes rough rounds stretched into five I asked. in spite of my shouts of "Time!"

There was a mining camp bully bought roses for Georgie Wood who would have fared better had he [then a popular ingenue], who that known of these "lessons" in "Big a new part to-night." what we usually mean by gallantry an uncle was convenient, so we dire in Davis, but he had for woman a agreeably chivalric regard. That was very sincere in his nature, and women must small boat one day Davis scraped the have divined it, for they were his top of a submerged tree curious friends and sworn allies. a stock company in the local theatre logger's chain around the butt the which supported the weekly succession have given it that position, but they s of stars, the best of whom found the seemed much perplexed, and miners' purses open to them. This the obstruction bully stopped Davis one day on the long afterward there appeared camp's main street and commented widely copied, about disagreeably upon having seen him mysterious submarine forcet.

lady." Davis said quietly. There was the region indicated by the another comment more unpleasant. Davis gave that bully the worst beat- there certainly was a foundation ing I've ever seen administered in or the story; they might have moved the out of the ring, to the camp's joy and main forest, but they found one gient Big Bill's" glorying delight

There was to be a prize fight on the rent, as if stirred grass, bare knuckles. London prize ring breeze," as related in the storrules. Sam Davis rode to the selected ground in a stage with one of the principals. I went on horseback scienceless pirate who owned Sheriffs chased us over the country so charged me for the damage t long that it was late when the famous the sum I was paid for the affair ended. Then I sought my horse. but it was gone, and I rode back in a what you got for the story before stage with the defeated man and his paid him?" I saked. dispirited backers. I connected my friend with the disappearance of my grinning at?" horse and hunted him up to tell him my opinion of a horse thief. I found I thought was the best verse in him in the Western Union Telegraph ever written. I congratulate account of the fight for a San Fran-cisco paper. He answered my re- "Do you really like it?" proaches with, "Never mind, son, it "Then keen it. was too late for us I the local evening. He refused to print a solu paperl to use, so I borrowed your the manuscript, my meshorse to hurry in and offer the story literary possession to San Francisco. They ordered a

WHAT'S PRISON TO A SPY? Possible Sentence of Even Thirty Years Unlikely to Deter Him.

of a term of twenty or thirty years in the very first to present the torison will deter German spice, sympa- and dance. He presented "Salthizers, &c., from doing any more daysget is a few years imprisonment and Buckleys and long before E after the war is over an agitation to Newcomb branched out in that pardon them will be made? What is needed mostly is to have all of his time-always creative. uch cases come before a military court and original in dress and me and a few of the guilty shot. This is "Shoo Fly" became popular the best preventive. F. G. PERKINS.

Interment vs. Internment. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Here

another mistake. German spies are interned instead of interred. If we inter the criminals we catch we shall deter some persons who are originally inclined. Interament doesn't work that way. There need be no objection

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told him the story, which interested the famous actor greatly years later I met Booth in the Players He not only recalled it, but at once in high spirit, told to a company of clui members the story of how he once jumped into a real grave and picked Davis wrote the theatre for his paper, the staff of which he had in duced me to join-playing hooky from my studies to do my first new spaper

The theatre I have spoken of wa-

built on a steep side hill where the rock had to be blasted out for the

blasting when he had levelled off for

rock. Booth was to come and pla-

grave. The manager said that Bo-

it." Davis convinced him that Booth

to dig a grave under the stage. Davis

building. The builder got

manager's attention to the

work-and when Modjeska made work with honest enthusiasm played Camille during the week to only for the first time, she told us be she had never seen it played. Day Davis, who was then on the staff of was obliged to go out of town on a big story that night and asked me to write banker's home was high up on the "Camille" review, I did so, the side of a rough mountain over- ing his style as nearly as I could it looking the desert into which the had met Modjeska, and the day after with him to call on her sage brush, rose high the sombre threatened. "I'll murder you if you let Under the circumstances I was induced to give the assurance asked hands and thanked him for the "the mille" review so graciously I was tempted to reveal that I was entitled to the thanks, but when Modieska turned to get a book he shook his fier As the host did not reply Davis at me so savagely I remained silen did, with passion and eloquence. The The book Modjesks found and showed length to admiring sage brushers. I comedies, in which she had interleaved recall the ending, which the banker, a score of costumed portraits of par-"Sir. ers of the principal roles of the co formers pictured. The lady was n call upon Him to explain His mysteri- long in feeling that some suppresse ous purpose in planting in one of His tumult was raging under the more or was skilfully impartial in her atter As we were about to go Davis kne

mock humility and exclaime "Madam, I am a minister's son: I can not act a lie! I did not write the Ta mille' notice-this fellow did " Water lesks boxed his ears, declared my er! ical work was better than his an gave me her photograph.

When I went to San Francis Knowing a great deal about my lost babits. I inquired not too had the dinner price as a nickel was uncovered. "Bu

"Did I-er-by rosh! I forgot and

He recalled that be

There was right in the water, as if growing at supper with the theatre's leading a pretty story, not too se You must speak respectfully of that tourists went by all sorts of craft t

story; some scientists admitted t tree "gently waving in the life Telling me of this Da "And a curious thing is that

"Did you happen to tell

Sam Davis read to

DAVE REED'S GENIUS

Tribute to the Originator of the Neat Song and Dance

To the Editor of The Sta

Dave Reed was the grander Reed and Dan Bryant took I cannot say too many com things about him, for he deser-FRANK DE

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Here te another was the tent pine from the United menths will be required to

seual preparation for interment